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APPLICANT INITIATED INTERVIEW REQUEST FORM

Application No.: 10/089,997

First Named Applicant: Barrie HAYES-GILL et al.

Examiner: Bertram, Eric

Art Unit: 3766

Status of Application:

Tentative Participants:

(1) Luminita A. Todor OR Aaron C. Walker(2) Examiner Eric Bertram

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(4) _____

Proposed Date of Interview: as soon as possible

Proposed Time: whenever convenient to Examiner Bertram

Type of Interview Requested:

(1) ☒ Telephonic OR (2) ☒ Personal(3) ☐ Video ConferenceExhibit To Be Shown or Demonstrated: ☐ YES ☐ NO

If yes, provide brief description:

ISSUES TO BE DISCUSSED

Issues (Rej., Obj., etc)	Claims/ Fig. #s	Prior Art	Discussed	Agreed	Not Agreed
(1) <u>102/103</u>	<u>Claim 25</u>	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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☐ Continuation Sheet Attached

Brief Description of Arguments to be Presented:

Lets discuss whether amended claim 25 – see continuation sheet – distinguishes over the cited prior art.

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25. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for detecting the heart rate of a fetus, the apparatus comprising:

a detector to detect heart beats of the fetus, the detector including at least two electrodes for detecting ECG signals, and the detector adapted to be positioned on the abdomen of the mother in use; and

a processor, coupled to the detector, to process only the ECG signals received from the detector positioned on the abdomen of the mother and to determine the heart rate of the fetus using only the processed ECG signals, the processor including

means for detecting heart beats of the mother by determining when the ECG signals reach a maximum, and

means for determining the heart rate by determining the time interval between adjacent heart beats, so as to determine the heart rate of the mother using only the processed ECG signals.